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**Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and  
Missouri Department of Public Safety  
Public Service Announcement**

**Please broadcast:**

The Missouri Departments of Health and Senior Services and Public Safety issued a special reminder today to residents who do not have power restored in their homes regarding the potential dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. Family members, neighbors and friends are urged to contact those who are still without power and remind them of the following precautions:

**DO ENSURE** that natural gas, LP gas, or kerosene space heaters are installed and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

- **DO NOT** use gasoline or diesel-powered generators inside your home.
- **DO NOT** operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room with closed doors or windows or in any room where people are sleeping.
- **KNOW the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.** These include headache, lightheadedness, dizziness, hallucinations and unexplained sleepiness. Do not wait for these signs, however, since at higher concentrations these symptoms may not occur. Infants, the elderly, smokers, and individuals with heart disease are at special risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. If you experience these symptoms, immediately leave the area where the device is located and seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

For more information, residents should call their local emergency operations center or visit the DHSS website at [www.dhss.mo.gov/CO](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/CO).

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